

Logistics Committee

Meeting Notes

11-25-2020

Meeting Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Call to Order: 2:05 PM

Commissioners Present: Maya Davis, Rev. Tamara England Wilson, D.Min, Elizabeth Hughes,
Attendees: Will Schwarz, Chris Haley

Agenda Items:

- Committee Meeting Schedule
 - MLTRC Liaison Roles and Next Steps
 - Public Hearing Planning
 - Next Steps
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Committee Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Davis discussed the interim schedule for the MLTRC through January, which will take place the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM. After January the committee will resume meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM.

MLTRC Liaison Roles and Next Steps

The Committee discussed ways to begin working with the County coalitions on the public hearings. It was decided that a plan be developed that includes an option for in person hearings and virtual hearings. The coalitions will offer assistance in finding locations to hold hearings and connect with descendant communities who will participate in the testimony portion of the hearings.

Public Hearing Planning

The Committee discussed the creation of documents to work on ahead of the hearing schedule. The committee will be developing a format for story sharing at the public hearings. Two documents will be created in preparation for the public hearings that will begin in 2021. The first document is a spreadsheet listing each MLTRC commissioner and their county assignment to serve as liaison and the name of the individuals from that county. The second document is a public hearing testimony guidelines document to prepare speakers. Once approved the document will be put on the commission website in advance of the hearings.

The second half of this discussion focused on speaker identity. Members of the public and county coalitions have shared that there are individuals who want to participate in the public hearings but are concerned about retaliation and/or pushback in their respective communities. A recommended option looked at creating systems of anonymity through a numbering system.

Next Steps

- M. Davis will create a spreadsheet of MLTRC Commissioners and assigned county liaisons to be shared out with committee members.
- M. Davis will begin draft of a public hearing guidelines document to be shared with and edited by committee members.

The next MLTRC Logistics Committee meeting will take place Wednesday, December January 20, 2020 at 2:00 PM.